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APPARATUS IN AN ENDOSCOPIC
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08A and a full copy of each of these documents accompany this statement.

Applicants became aware of the following documents, cited in an International Search Report issued March 25, 2003, during the prosecution of international application no. PCT/US02/30777, which corresponds to the above referenced application. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08A and are enclosed as well.

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